Indians Seeking Asylum Abroad

2606. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citzins who had sought asylum in Germany and other Western countries during 1990 and 1991, country-wise;

(b) the number of them given asylum by the respective countries; and

(c) the major factors identified by the Government for the Indian citizens seeking asylum abroad?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) According to information available with Government, the number of Indian citizens who had sought asylum in West European countries is as follows:

	1990	1991
Germany	5612	5150 (upto November)
UK	1415	1560 (Jan-Sept.)
France	800	1000
Switzerland	1828	886
Netherlands		3000 (cumulative total)
Denmark	26	35
Belgium	1026	1283
Austria	128	356
Spain	Nil	70

There was no case of any Indian seeking asylum in the other West European countries. Information with regard to USA Canda is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House later.

(b) The number of Indians who have been given asylum are as follows, country-wise:

France	-	5
Belgium	-	1
Germany	-	5
Denmark	-	1
Other West European Countries	-	Nil

(c) Prospects of economic betterment, desire to emigrate or extend their period of

stay are the principal motives of Indian asylum-seekers in Europe, even though the ostesnible reasons invariably given by asylum-seekers is political and police persecutions.

LPG Connections

2607. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG Consumers as on 31 December, 1991 State-wise; and

(b) the targets fixed for allotment of new LPG connections in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) Annual enrollment plants for new LPG connections are drawn based on likely availbity of LPG from indigenous sources as well as from imports.

STATEMENT

Price in Lacs.
(As on 31.12.91)

S. No.	*State*	*Total*
1.	Andhara Pradesh	14.09
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.14
3.	Assam	2.65
4.	Bihar	5.19
5.	Goa	1.19
6.	Gujarat	16.57
7.	Harayana	5.17
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1.15
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.67
10.	Karanataka	8.87
11.	Kerala	5.68
12.	Madhaya Pradesh	9.71
13.	Magarashtra	31.25
14.	Manipur	0.34
15.	Meghalaya	0.24